DART Rider News Notice DART First State

Delaware's Public Transportation Provider A Division of DelDOT

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This DART Rider e-mail news notice is sent to you as part of our continuing effort to keep you aware of the services and programs we offer, and news, including service changes, rider alerts, and system changes and improvements

Beat High Gas Prices by Switching to Public Transit - According to the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) and its March Transit Savings Report, individuals in the Philadelphia area who chose to ride public transportation instead of driving a car can save, on average, \$983 this month, and \$11,795 annually. These savings are based on the cost of commuting by public transportation compared to the cost of owning and driving a vehicle which includes the March 26, 2012 average national gas price (\$3.897 per gallon-reported by AAA) and the national unreserved monthly parking rate. To calculate your individual savings with or without car ownership, go to www.publictransportation.org.

More than ever DART is committed to the safety and security of their riders. At DART, rider safety is a round-the-clock effort. DART's safety and security efforts include <u>Bus Cameras</u>: Fixed route buses are fitted with digital recording cameras, inside and outside; <u>Bus GPS Vehicle Locator</u>: Both fixed route and paratransit buses are equipped with satellite based automatic vehicle locating (AVL) global positioning systems; <u>Bus Silent Alarm</u>: Fixed Routes buses also contain a silent alarm system when implemented switch the bus exterior destination sign to "Please Call 911," and direct the AVL system to advise DTC Managers to dispatch help; and <u>Improved Radio System</u>: A statewide fleet radio system permits instant driver and DTC Dispatch Center communication providing a more rapid response time. Please know that riding DART is SAFE and SECURE.

DART will conduct four Public Hearing Workshops to obtain comments on proposed changes to DART First State Fixed Route Bus Service for Kent and New Castle Counties to become effective Sunday, June 17, 2012. For more public hearing information and to leave a public comment, please visit **Service Change**

Amtrak 40th Anniversary Exhibit Train at the Wilmington Amtrak Station - The FREE Amtrak Exhibit Train Event is coming to the Wilmington Amtrak station on Saturday and Sunday, March 31 & April 1, from 10 am to 4 pm. This special train is a unique traveling display showcasing memorabilia from the national passenger railroad's 40 year history, like vintage advertising, past menus, dinnerware, and period uniforms. The Exhibit Train event will also include a train-themed kids' activity area, Chuggington Depot. To learn more about the Exhibit Train at Wilmington, please visit Amtrak40th.com.

DART's Google Transit Trip Planning for its Riders – Find your travel destinations, transit hubs, bus stops, and rail stations easily with our Google Trip Planner on DartFirstState.com

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